

## House Resolution No. 3047

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge milestone events in the lives and careers of Show-Me State residents who have admirably dedicated their time and energy to helping ensure that state government provides its much-needed services and programs in the efficient, effective manner mandated by the public; and

**Whereas**, Joseph Deering of Columbia has attained considerable distinction as a Legislative Analyst with House Research in the Missouri State Capitol, an endeavor which he will draw to a close on June 4, 2004, after more than five years of service; and

**Whereas**, a member of the American Sociological Association and the Association of Black Sociologists, Joe Deering brought to his House Research work a wealth of experience and knowledge which he had garnered from earlier employment as a Visiting Assistant Professor with the University of Missouri Department of Sociology; and

**Whereas**, Joe Deering proved to be an invaluable staffer with Interim Committees related to health care and selflessly “bit the bullet” when he was assigned to the Retirement Committee; and

**Whereas**, Joe Deering demonstrated an unusually keen sense for the subtleties of law that quite possibly surpassed the legal understanding of many of those elected officials responsible for passing new legislation; and

**Whereas**, known for classing up the office with his “dapper duds,” Joe Deering also established very high standards of performance and conduct when he opted for daily fare which was far more healthful than the usual MSG-saturated food typically found in the Capitol; and

**Whereas**, in addition to an unquestioned love for his lovely wife, Anna Riley, Joe Deering possesses tremendous love and affection for his esteemed parents, Andrew and Earnestine Deering; his siblings, Sheila, Diana, Anita, and David; and caramel-filled Hershey’s Kisses; and

**Whereas**, the numerous colleagues of Joe Deering suspect that now that his final days as a Legislative Analyst are upon him, Joe may be faking a medical ailment in order to wear comfortable shoes during the last week of Session:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the exceptional accomplishments garnered by Joseph Deering during his nearly six years of service with House Research and to convey to him this legislative body’s heartiest best wishes for unparalleled success in all of his future pursuits in life; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Joseph Deering of Columbia, Missouri.

Offered by Speaker Catherine L. Hanaway  
District No. 87

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 3047, adopted May 13, 2004.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker